



**Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal Project
EIS Public Scoping Comment Summary Report
Appendix A**

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PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE FEBRUARY 17 – APRIL 5, 2006 EIS SCOPING PERIOD

The table below includes the full text of the comments that were received during the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) public scoping period for the Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal Project. Open house participants were asked to fill out a comment form and the answers are included in the text of comments (Q1, Q2, etc.) The comment form questions are listed at the end of the document.

ID*	Comment Source	Comment
664	E-mail	Much has been made of how ferry traffic adversely affects Mukilteo. From a planning perspective I think it is important to consider the effect of the increased traffic-- foot and vehicular-- will have on Clinton. Adding the ferry dock, additional bus connections and Sounder stop will inevitably increase traffic through downtown Clinton. This is turn likely will encourage increased population growth in Clinton and a resulting pressure on DOT and the ferry system to manage traffic, similar to what you are currently experiencing in Mukilteo. I strongly urge your planning efforts to include thinking regarding how to manage traffic through Clinton. You have a chance to manage the problem now, you may have less influence later. For example, Clinton residents currently are agitating for a light across 525 in the Deer Lake Road intersection. If there is no easy crossing for foot traffic, pedestrians likely will resort to tripping the red light, potentially affecting ferry traffic and adversely affecting loading times. Consequently you might want to think about working with DIT to place an overhead pedestrian walkway through Clinton.
665	E-mail	Thank you for inviting me to your meetings on 3/21 and 3/22- I received the notice on March 22 at 8:30 pm- after the last meeting was over. Perhaps a more punctual mailing would be in order. This did set me to thinking about the lady that was forced to wait in the long hot ferry line at Mukilteo as she lay dying. Have you changed your boarding priority? A simple proclamation by the passenger or driver of a medical emergency should be sufficient- you could sort out bogus claims later with a triple fair.
666	E-mail	Would you have a brief description of the proposed Mukilteo Ferry Project, so I can easily and quickly learn what exactly you are planning to do?
667	E-mail	Please send the pertinent documents
668	E-mail	Does WSF post on web periodic updates on the Mukilteo multimodal project? That would be convenient for us folks who can't attend the local mtgs Your next update could provide that web link. Thank you.
670	E-mail	I am particularly interested in train connections
672	E-mail	Living directly in the area of the aforementioned reference, I of course am greatly concerned with the impacts that will be forthcoming. Unfortunately

* Numbers may appear omitted as a function of the database numbering system. No comments have been excluded.

		not being in town at the time of your meetings, I wish to express my feelings in this letter. Understanding that we cannot stop nor do we wish to stop future growth, I am concern with the decisions made to reach our goal, and how it affects our citizens. It does not seem fair to me to develop a traffic hazard and an oversized parking lot for the citizens of Whidbey Island and our surrounding communities at Mukilteo's expense, which is what I read in your projected drawings. To accommodate your needs as shown would require the widening of the Speedway (purchase of expensive homes), and private properties on 1st St. The development of a good portion of the tank farm would be taken up by parking lots and structures, holding areas, and traffic arteries, not to mention the rail and bus terminal. There is an alternative that could relieve a good portion of the above and act as a holding area, not require the purchase of expensive existing buildings (then taken off the tax rolls), restore an old stream that has been decimated, and develop a park that all citizens can use with walking and bike trails. This property called Japanese Gulch has at present a railroad spur feeding Boeing, is in a direct line to the 526 and Paine Field Blvd., owned primarily by Mukilteo, City of Everett, Rail Road, and Boeing. All the principals have a concern in serving its citizens and neighbors. As a suggestion, we have some great schools in out area, the University of Washington as an example. These schools have great departments, i.e.,engineering, architecture both in structure and landscape and etc. Is it not possible that they be presented with a project of this nature to develop ideas that will best serve our populace? I urge you greatly to please look into using Japanese Gulch before final decisions are made. Thank you for the considerations I am sure will be extended.
428	E-mail	I firmly believe that making it even easier for people to go from Mukilteo to Clinton and back can only have a NEGATIVE environmental impact. I am opposed to any such projects. YOU SHOULD BE DISCOURAGING, NOT ENCOURAGING AUTO USE!
673	Clinton Scoping Meeting	Q1: live nearby (Clinton) Q2: traffic Q3: Compact Terminal Alternative Q4: Attention needs to be given to traffic safety and movement at the bottom of Hwy 525 in Clinton, i.e. in the vicinity of the stop light/toll booths. There are 4 turning moments at the intersection, including 2 for those off- leading from the ferry onto the Island - left at Columbia Beach Dr and left onto Ferry Dock Road (both without the benefit of a signal). And a right turn into the new (scheduled to open in May) Port of South Whidbey Beach Park. Traffic coming downhill to the ferry dock will want to take a left turn into the Park. This intersection needs specific attention. Q5: notice mailed to my home There is no place on the Clinton side for a passenger car waiting area for dropping off and picking people up- loading from the ferry. As a result Columbia beach drive and Ferry Dock Road became used for this and create congestion and safety problems.
674	Mukilteo	Q1: live nearby

	Scoping Meeting	<p>Q2: traffic</p> <p>Q2: safety</p> <p>Q3: Upland Terminal Alternative</p> <p>Q4: Concern for increased traffic flow on 2nd, 3rd and Mukilteo Lane. How will this be negotiated? How will noise from vehicles in holding lanes be mitigated? Will emissions be restricted? (Vehicles turn off engines?)</p> <p>Q5: Notice mailed to my home</p>
675	Mukilteo Scoping Meeting	<p>Q1: live nearby</p> <p>Q2: traffic</p> <p>Q2: This project needs to free up congestion on SR 525 to allow Mukilteo Free access to the road- an access road to the ferry depot needs to be developed down Japanese Gulch to relieve traffic of SR 525</p> <p>Q3: Compact Terminal Alternative</p> <p>Q5: Notice mailed to my home</p>
676	Mukilteo Scoping Meeting	<p>Q1: live nearby</p> <p>Q2: environment</p> <p>Q2: public access to waterfront</p> <p>Q3: I just hope it has a minimal impact on sea life. There is a lot gone since it was drudged up but should be able to revive with time</p> <p>Q4: Glad to see friendly for scuba diving. I hope to see old location open to diving and restroom stay open. And doing an outside shower would be nice to rinse off gear.</p> <p>Q5: friend</p>
677	Mukilteo Scoping Meeting	<p>Q1: live nearby</p> <p>Q2: traffic (due to construction)</p> <p>Q2: environment</p> <p>Q3: public access to waterfront</p> <p>Q4: Please reconsider the cable stay bridge. While I can appreciate it as an engineer, visually it does not fit into the neighborhood. A 90' tower is just wrong there. On another note, please let everyone know how to help get funding for the garage. I believe the garage is a very important to the success of the project.</p> <p>Q5: notice mailed to my home</p>
678	Mukilteo Scoping Meeting	<p>Q1: live nearby</p> <p>Q2: traffic</p> <p>Q2: parking</p> <p>Q2: environment</p> <p>Q2: public access to waterfront</p> <p>Q3: Compact Terminal Alternative</p> <p>Q4: Must include large parking garage (to minimize the size of parking outside the garage). Extend promenade in both directions w/connecting shoreline trails. Support major renovation of NOAA facility. Support relocation of public boat ramp from lighthouse part to "Tank Farm" site.</p> <p>Q5: notice mailed to my home</p>
679	Mukilteo Scoping	<p>Q1: live nearby</p> <p>Q1: I am interested in the waterfront use and development</p>

	Meeting	<p>Q2: traffic</p> <p>Q2: parking</p> <p>Q2: environment</p> <p>Q2: transportation interface and efficiency for ferry, bus, train, auto modes</p> <p>Q3: Compact Terminal Alternative</p> <p>Q3: basic design drawing looks good to me</p> <p>Q4: The compact plan insures best space allocation for ferry traffic and minimizes loss of area for public use.</p> <p>Q5: notice mailed to my home</p>
680	Clinton Scoping Meeting	<p>Q1: regular ferry rider</p> <p>Q2: connections to train, bike</p> <p>Q2: Please plan train service with non-commuter users in mind. Seattle offers a rich variety of evening activities; theater, symphony, opera, museums, readings and speeches by major authors & authorities; jazz and other music in nightclubs, baseball, college & professional basketball- provide real service to and from downtown until midnight.</p> <p>Q3: Compact Terminal Alternative</p> <p>Q3: Build the station platforms simultaneously. Get train service in operation quickly. Don't plan train service only for 8-5 commuters- provide evening service as well.</p> <p>Q4: Very sorry that Sound Transit's staff didn't decide to show up. That's a real slap in the face to Whidbey.</p> <p>Q5: newspaper</p>
681	Clinton Scoping Meeting	<p>Q1: occasional ferry rider</p> <p>Q1: business is affected by the ferry</p> <p>Q1: work for Island Transit – need to inform vanpoolers</p> <p>Q2: traffic</p> <p>Q3: Compact Terminal Alternative</p> <p>Q3: vanpool overnight parking spaces</p> <p>Q5: website</p>
682	Mukilteo Scoping Meeting	<p>Q1: live nearby (both sides)</p> <p>Q2: traffic</p> <p>Q2: connections to bus, train, bile</p> <p>Q2: public access to waterfront</p> <p>Q2: economic activities</p> <p>Q3: Compact Terminal Alternative</p> <p>Q5: notice mailed to my home</p>
683	Mukilteo Scoping Meeting	<p>Q1: live nearby</p> <p>Q2: safety</p> <p>Q2: public access to waterfront</p> <p>Q2: economic opportunities</p> <p>Q3: Compact Terminal Alternative</p> <p>Q5: notice mailed to my home</p>
684	Mukilteo Scoping Meeting	<p>Q1: live nearby</p> <p>Q2: traffic</p> <p>Q2: environment</p>

		Q3: no preference Q3: Get rid of the old ugly naval pier. Q5: notice mailed to my home
685	Mukilteo Scoping Meeting	Q1: live nearby Q1: occasional ferry rider Q2: traffic Q2: parking Q2: safety Q2: environment Q2: connections to bus, train, bike Q3: jury still out costs, environment, security, etc. Q4: Two slips minimum with planning and projection for a third slip. Q5: notice mailed to my home Q5: newspaper Q5: website
686	Mukilteo Scoping Meeting	Q1: live nearby Q1: occasional ferry rider Q2: traffic Q2: environment Q2: connections to bus, train, bike Q3: Upland Terminal Alternative Q3: Although I hear the pollution concern of residents. Consider "pushing" the Japanese Gulch- proposed traffic- moves it up to look at overall safety, commuter traffic vs. tourist traffic- making an overall plan to benefit local residents (keeping small town feel- ability to walk) as well as businesses & pure commuters with a road system- keeping commuters "separate". Q5: notice mailed to my home Q5: newspaper (Mukilteo Beacon)

Scoping Open House Comment Form

Q1. What is the primary reason you are interested in the Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal Project?

I live nearly____
I'm a regular ferry rider____
I'm an occasional ferry rider____
My business is affected by the ferry____
Other____

Q2. What issues are most important to you about this project?

Traffic____
Parking____
Safety____
Environment____
Connections to bus, train, bike____

Public access to waterfront____
Economic opportunities____
Other____

Q3. Do you have a preference for either the Compact or Upland Terminal Alternative? If not, what changes should Washington State Ferries consider?

I prefer the Compact Terminal Alternative____
I prefer the Upland Terminal Alternative____
No preference____
Please consider changes as described____

Q4. Other comments____

Q5. How did you hear about this meeting?

Notice mailed to my home____
Newspaper____
Friend____
Other____

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